



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 9:04 a.m. on November 25, 2019 in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Fred Beihn Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran and Jacquie Van Huss (9:15 a.m.)

Staff present:

Teri Haggard – CFO

Paul Irwin – IHA Director

Tawanish Lavell - ICWA

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes and additions: VI- h & j moved to executive session; VII- 8- monthly meeting; and 9-power outage. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

VI. New Business

1. Vice-Chairperson Beihn

a. Computer Usage Policy

Vice-Chairperson Beihn inquired about the policy and how it pertains to citizens when copying, etc. A discussion was held regarding the policy only pertaining to employees that use the NFR computers and that this policy is not geared towards citizen use.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the policy. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

b. Envelopes – Printing

Vice-Chairperson Beihn inquired about the envelopes and if everything got printed up right. The administration staff was having a difficult time with the vendor and getting the correct information and making changes. Treasurer McGovran suggested to get different vendor quotes and bring to Tribal Council. Chairperson Fink will have Administrative Assistant bring quotes.

- c. Gathering Cards
A discussion was held regarding the difference between the gathering cards and the Yosemite pass. The gathering cards are given to the tribe by the Forest Service. The actual Yosemite pass cards are given by the National Park Service to the Tribe and is for only gathering cultural items inside of park. Chairperson Fink will have EPD Director, Christina McDonald look into this and bring back to Tribal Council.
- d. Casino Site Plan – Charlie Alterkruse
Chairperson Fink will contact Charlie Alterkruse?
- e. VYMC Holiday Party – Charlie Alterkruse
Chairperson Fink will have Mr. Alterkruse respond that no one is available to attend.
- f. Board Members – Charlie Alterkruse
By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to have Mr. Alterkruse remain on the board as a representative for NFR. Chairperson Fink will let him know.
- g. Domain – Charlie Alterkruse
By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to hold onto the domain for the casino project.
- h. TANF Advisory Board
Vice-Chairperson Beihn inquired about whether or not there is going to an Advisory Board in the Coastal area and whether or not there are going to be two reps from each area that TANF serves. Treasurer McGovran explained that Tribal Council has already decided to create an Advisory Board on Coastal area but due to the low numbers in clientele, Tribal Council agreed to wait. The Tribal Council feels that a board on the coast should be comprised of individuals from the local tribes due to the fact that they have different cultural backgrounds and needs from our area.
Chairperson Beihn expressed her concern about Vice-Chairperson Beihn being on the current TANF Advisory Board and that it shouldn't be him coming to Tribal Council and that the Chairperson of the Board should be addressing Tribal Council when it comes to questions, etc.
- i. Reno Franklin PSPS Training
Vice-Chairperson Beihn stated that Reno Franklin is willing to come to North Fork to give a Public Safety Power Shut-off training. The majority of Tribal Council thought it wasn't necessary due to the fact that NFR is knowledgeable in doing it already since going through it October. already doing the He inquired about doing the training.
- j. Madera Property Lease
Secretary Guitierrez will contact Katrina will contact CFO and let her know that Tribal Council approved for the sheep guy to lease the 305 acres in Madera.
- k. Indian Ed. Meeting
Vice-Chairperson Beihn reported that he attended the Indian Ed meeting and at the meeting, it was inquired if NFR can assist in transporting kids to school when they miss the bus and bring them to school. Chairperson Fink stated that it's the parents'

responsibility to get their children to the bus stop in time. Tribal Council agreed and denied the assistance.

I. Elder Program CIMC

1. CIMC Letter

Council Member Van Huss stated that she had anticipated that CIMC would give a new copy of the application and copy of the actual grant before asking to submit for the consortium to be on the behalf of NFR for the elder program. The only thing that the letter stated was that it's for the next three years with no back up information. CIMC responded that they have already given the information to Chairperson Fink.

A discussion was held regarding the copy of the grant and how Tribal Council feels that a resolution of support will not be given without knowing what the actual grant says and the budget. Chairperson Fink will send another letter asking specifically for the new grant.

2. Back up cook

Vice-Chairperson Beihn inquired about having a backup cook in the event that the main cook is unable to attend. Tribal Council agreed to get a volunteer and that volunteer will be compensated the same way and the volunteer will be required to do a background and drug test as well.

3. Helper

Vice-Chairperson Beihn inquired about a helper to assist with the elder lunch for bingo, etc. Tribal Council agreed to have a pool of volunteers and to have the same process as the backup for the cook, which will be the background and drug test.

4. School helpers

Vice-Chairperson Beihn suggested to use the Mountain Oaks High School students to help at the elders lunch. Tribal Council agreed for Vice-Chairperson Beihn will talk with Stuart Pincus to see what, if any the liability will be for the kids.

Council Member Van Huss left the room @ 9:55 a.m.

5. Elders outside the 30-mile radius

A discussion was held regarding having elders that live outside the 30-mile radius pay the guest fee of \$5.00. Chairperson Fink stated that it is not in our culture to charge our people to eat. A discussion was held regarding the CIMC rules and how they will leave it up to NFR to determine what the age of the definition of an elder is. Vice-Chairperson Beihn suggested to go with the 55 and over and outside the 30-mile radius. Tribal Council agreed to stay with the current of charging those 55 and over that live outside the radius until more information is obtained about the budget. Elaine – it is not our culture to charge our people. Fred suggested to go with the 55 and over and outside the 30-mile radius. Stay the same until we get more information on the budget and to keep the flyer to read the 30-mile radius and that anyone living outside will be charged.

Vice-Chairperson Beihn reported that CIMC has some items that are for emergency use and he is requesting an elder list so that they can get a kit. Tribal Council agreed to have them use the luncheon list which CIMC has already.

VII. Unfinished Business

1. Transportation – Expedition quotes

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Tribal Council travel protocol

A discussion was held regarding the protocol of Tribal Council travel and that it is only done what has been practiced and verbally. Council Member requested to do a travel policy for Tribal Council along with Treasurer McGovran because currently, Council members are doing mileage and other required documentation for travel differently and is processed by the fiscal department without there being consistency for each Council Member in the same manner.

3. Tribal Newsletter articles

Council Member Van Huss suggested for Tribal Council to see each Council Members articles before being submitted to Mr. Colvard and that each articles should be of substance that Citizens can use. Tribal Council agreed to review each Council Members articles prior to submitting.

4. BIA WUI – Environmental Assessment Update.

This agreement is for funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for fuel reduction on 50 acres of the 61.5 acres. (Way-Up-Way)

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the contract with Analytical Environmental Services in the amount of \$18,710.00. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Mr. Irwin reported that IHA will pay a share to have the pond basin up on the property looked at as well.

5. Fire Station MOU

Mr. Irwin reported that Memorandum of Understanding between the Tribe and Madera County as approved by the county for a five-year extension and the \$24,000.00 contribution for the maintenance and clean up for the road drainages. Mr. Irwin reported that the IHA crew has already begun working on the property.

6. Mill Site

Mr. Irwin reported that the Engineering is complete and that \$377,000.00 was expended so far on engineering, planning, etc. NFR has contributed approximately \$163,000.00 and \$15,000.00 in credit for the brushing. Mr. Irwin reported that CDC is going to see what they can do. Mr. Irwin suggested that CDC may want to contract for water and sewage lines. Mr. Irwin will confirm with CDC and bring back to Tribal Council.

7. National Indian Justice Center – Active Transportation needs assessment

The purpose of the assessment will provide the active transportation assessment studies for participation California Native American Tribes. NFR was selected for a free assessment.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to sign the California Tribal Active Transportation Needs Assessment Project Guidelines. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

ICDBG – due on February 3, 2019.

Tribal Council and Mr. Irwin discussed the potential ideas i.e., child care facility, fire station, etc. for the next ICDBG. Treasurer McGovran suggested to wait for the discussion until Tribal Council meets for the five to ten- year strategic planning.

8. Monthly Meeting

Due to the holidays, Tribal Council agreed by consensus to cancel the monthly meeting. Chairperson Fink will have the Administration Assistant contact those who attended the last meeting.

9. Power outage

Due to the recent power outage that is scheduled, Tribal Council agreed for Nim Nobe to close on Wednesday, Thursday, and maybe Friday.

If the power goes out in North Fork, Tribal Council or NFR won't be able to assist due to the severity of the storm and road conditions.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session @ 11:40 a.m. Secretary Gutierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a. H.R. Application

Tribal Council reviewed application.

b. CAO Application

Tribal Council reviewed applications.

c. Child Care Application

Tribal Council reviewed applications.

d. ICWA

Mrs. Lavell gave updates on current cases.

e. ICWA

This item was taken care of in (d).

f. Resolution request

Secretary Gutierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-79 A Resolution providing for the intervention in an Indian Child Welfare Case within the State of California in the County of Fresno Juvenile Delinquency Court and designating a tribal representative in the matter involving tribally eligible minor. Council Member Van Hus seconded. Mc 5/0/0

g. Resolution request

Council Member Van Huss motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-80 A Resolution declaring the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California authority in declaring placement preference and tribally approved home of minor tribal citizen. Secretary Gutierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Note: Chairperson Fink was out of the room at the time the motion was made and passed.

h. Tribal Citizen

A discussion was held.

Chairperson Fink will send a letter to the suspended citizen.

i. EPD Vacancy

A discussion was held.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out of executive session @ 12:45 p.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel

- a. Skill Path Training – Fresno – 2/24/2020 –
Treasurer McGovran motioned for Tina Maxwell and Brooke Coleman to attend on 2/24/2020. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
- b. Coyote Valley Band Court Hearing Tribal Sovereignty
Council Member Van Huss gave an update on the hearing. She and Treasurer McGovran reported that there was a good turnout of support.
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to reimburse Council Member Van Huss and Treasurer McGovran for their hotel stay. Vice-Chairperson Beihn seconded. Mc 3/0/3 with Council Member Van Huss and Treasurer McGovran abstaining.
- c. Madera EDC Economic Summit – 12/18
Treasurer McGovran motioned to support \$800.00. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

X. Next Meeting – December 02, 22019.

XI. Adjournment

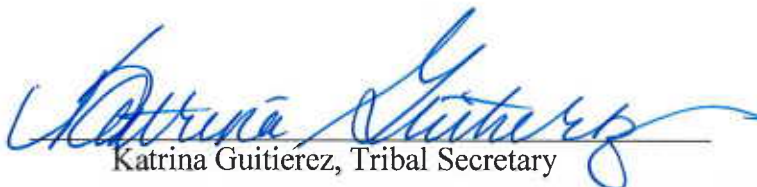
Council Member Van Huss motioned to adjourn @ 1:03 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 12/17/19

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **19th** day of **December, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **5 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **27th** day of **December, 2019**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson